

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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Bureau of Finance
Post Office Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Postmaster General's letter of September 21, 1955 to the Heads of Departments and Agencies of the Government on the subject of a proposed simplification in the reimbursement procedure for penalty mail.

We consider the proposal most desirable and it is acceptable to us.

Inasmuch as we contemplate no basic program changes affecting the use of penalty mail during the current fiscal year, we have determined, consistent with your proposal, that the amount of the reimbursement for penalty mail for the fiscal year 1956 should be \$15. Payments for penalty mail for the fiscal year 1955 aggregated \$16.74 and the value of penalty mail used during the fiscal year 1954 aggregated \$12.81. In this connection, if there are no statutory objections thereto, it is recommended that the Post Office Department give consideration to not requiring reimbursement from the Council or any other agency having such a small usage of penalty mail.

Virtually all of the Council's mailings are made as penalty mail and, therefore, we do not have a sufficient volume of other mailings to warrant the adoption of the suggested single reimbursement procedure for all official mailings.

Very truly yours,

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Budget Officer

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